



IMPACT REPORT 2022

cbm New Zealand

Cover: Ramsaran, aged 5, is learning to walk again after bilateral clubfoot surgery and rehabilitation at the **cbm**-partnered HRDC (Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children) in Nepal.

Below: Generous **cbm** supporters responded to Madagascar's food crisis, and have helped **cbm**-funded partners to reach vulnerable children, like Liasoa, and their families who are on the verge of starvation.



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cbm aspires to follow the teachings and example of Jesus as stated in Luke 10:27 in His command:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself.”

A MESSAGE FROM CBM'S BOARD CHAIR

cbm New Zealand continues to be blessed with generous supporters and once again has shown its highest revenue to date. Our partnership with MFAT remains strong and we have been successful in every application for MFAT funding in the last four years.

Overseas transfers have also grown significantly, allowing ever-greater contribution to **cbm** New Zealand's inspirational mission and that of CBM Global. **cbm** programmes remain diverse and the teams, both here and overseas, support them with great passion and skill. We are especially pleased to have been able to boost support for the mission in Papua New Guinea, our largest country by funding volume.

I was very blessed to be able to visit **cbm's** paediatric orthopaedic work in Nepal recently, and with my surgical background, was impressed by the work being done. This was made possible from the generosity of people like you.

2022 saw the last year of the current 3-year strategy and the Board agreed that the fundamental elements of this strategy have driven **cbm's** success. Hence, this strategy has been renewed for two more years to the end of 2025, with only minor changes to reflect current needs and opportunities.

We particularly acknowledge **cbm's** CEO and his senior team. We are also grateful to our talented Board, staff, volunteers, and our many supporters and partners.

Thank you for partnering with **cbm** to serve the poorest of the poor. May God bless you.

Andrew Smith



A MESSAGE FROM CBM'S CEO

Welcome to the **cbm** Impact Report for 2022. Thanks for joining us to include people with disabilities.

Thanks be to God, **cbm** remitted a record amount to **cbm**-funded field partners for the third year running. Our livelihood programme in Laos began and we submitted successful MFAT funding applications for Papua New Guinea (PNG) with an increased women's empowerment focus, and for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

One donor gave a large 'living legacy' and gifts to **cbm** from generous supporters like you were again higher than ever, which underscores Kiwis' big hearts, even in constrained financial times.

The extension of **cbm's** strategy for two years will allow strengthened monitoring, reporting and capacity of our near-neighbour countries and we gained official registration in PNG. We are expanding our engagement with NZ churches, promoting awareness of disability.

I'm humbled by the goodwill, pride, and dedication shown by our staff, and their enjoyment of working together. I couldn't ask for a better team.

In 2022 my heart was especially warmed by restored sight; pupils with disabilities able to attend school; and a speedy and effective response by **cbm**-funded partners to aid people with disabilities affected by the Tonga earthquake/tsunami.

Thanks again to God, our generous supporters, Board, staff, volunteers and **cbm's** incredible partners around the world.

Dr Murray Sheard



Andrew visited the **cbm**-partnered HRDC (Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children) in Nepal, where he met 7-year-old Amit.



Murray visited Kajiado West in Kenya, a semi-arid area affected by climate change, with very limited food available, yet the children's energy was contagious.



Without a life-changing prosthetic limb, Naresh's future was bleak. But thanks to the regular gifts from generous **cbm** Child Sponsors, Naresh will be able to walk tall again, making impossible dreams come true!

HOW THE CBM NZ FAMILY WITH CBM GLOBAL CHANGED THE WORLD IN 2022

As a valued **cbm** New Zealand supporter, your generosity has helped

2,751,809 people to break the cycle of poverty and disability including:

REACHING

2,561,145 people to prevent disabilities

SUPPORTING

47,345 people with medical and rehabilitation services

EMPOWERING

5,710 people through development programmes

ASSISTING

53,674 people and their families in emergency situations

YOUR SUPPORT HAS FUNDED

18 projects in **16** countries working with **15** local partners

WHERE CBM NEW ZEALAND WORKED



Africa

1. Burkina Faso
 - Community Mental Health
 - Humanitarian Response
2. Nigeria
 - Obstetric Fistula
 - Neglected Tropical Diseases
3. Kenya
 - Inclusive Eye Health
 - Humanitarian Response
4. Madagascar
 - Humanitarian Response

Asia

5. Nepal
 - Community Rehabilitation
6. Bangladesh
 - Humanitarian Response
7. Laos
 - Inclusive Livelihoods
8. Philippines
 - Humanitarian Response
9. Indonesia
 - Humanitarian Response

Pacific

10. Papua New Guinea
 - Inclusive Eye Health
 - Inclusive Education
 - Community Rehabilitation
11. Solomon Islands
 - Disability Inclusion Advisory
12. Kiribati
 - Disability Inclusion Advisory
13. Samoa
 - Disaster Preparedness
14. Cook Islands
 - Disaster Preparedness
15. Tonga
 - Disaster Preparedness
16. Fiji
 - Disaster Response



Akawu, from Nigeria, has irreversible blindness due to Onchocerciasis (River Blindness). But thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, adults and children in his village now receive vital parasite-killing medicine annually to protect their sight.

OUR WORK PREVENTION

2,561,145^[1] people reached to help prevent River Blindness, Elephantiasis and other disabilities including:

- 2,171,024** treatments for River Blindness
- 2,218,231** treatments for other Neglected Tropical Diseases

cbm's programme aims to contribute to the elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), focusing on Onchocerciasis (River Blindness) and Lymphatic Filariasis (Elephantiasis), through increased community awareness on prevention of NTDs, mass drug administration and reducing transmission through provision of clean water and the promotion of good sanitation and hygiene practices. People with more advanced stages of lymphatic filariasis have received treatment through the delivery of limb care management and psychosocial support in selected primary health care facilities.

Thanks to generous people like you, for enabling **cbm's** long history of distributing medication for River Blindness and Trachoma in Nigeria, Trachoma is no longer a significant public health concern in current focus areas. This is a major achievement in breaking the cycle of poverty and disability and would not be possible without the generosity of **cbm** supporters.

This **cbm**-funded programme along with the Nigerian Government aims to strengthen the current health system by delivering medication to prevent and treat chronic disabling diseases in Yobe, Jigawa and the Federal Capital Territory.

[1] Includes individuals receiving both River Blindness and Elephantiasis treatments.

“I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth.” – Psalm 121:1-2



People, like Akawu, are at high risk of River Blindness in Nigeria. In order to prevent this, **cbm**-partnered field workers go from village to village and supply oral doses of medication annually.

NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES IN NIGERIA

Onchocerciasis is a parasitic infection - the infestation of teeming swarms of tiny worms - that leads to the total and irreversible black void of River Blindness.

As children stream out of their villages to greet the **cbm** field workers, they know they must receive their River Blindness medicine on time, or they could become blind like Akawu.

Akawu was once like them. Young and clear-eyed, flicking away the biting blackflies from the river. He was just a teenager, happy in his first job, building a road to the village. Every day he was bitten by those blackflies. The bites injected the Onchocerciasis parasite into his bloodstream. They spread and bred into hundreds of thousands of swirling tiny worms.

The worms swarmed through his body, causing tremendous pain and terrible itching... then set to work destroying his eyesight forever.

Thank you so much for supporting this wonderful sight-protecting ministry.



Each year, in remote places all over Nigeria, and across Africa, children and adults, like Akawu, are waiting. They know help is coming... in the form of medication for each person, thanks to your kind generosity.

OUR WORK

HEALTH SERVICES

47,345 people helped by medical treatment, comprising:

37,528 people supported with medical & rehabilitation services

2,332 people given life-changing surgeries

7,485 health professionals trained

MEDICAL SERVICES

In 2022, a total of 37,528 people were able to access medical services, across **cbm** programmes in Papua New Guinea, Nepal, Nigeria and Bangladesh. With your generous support, **cbm**-funded programmes helped ensure that people with disabilities were included and had access to life-changing surgeries for eye health, ear and hearing care, obstetric fistula, cleft palate and orthopaedic conditions such as club foot, unset fractures and bone infections, as well as providing rehabilitation and mental health services.

cbm New Zealand supports national and local Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPDs) so that training, planning and delivery of health services can best meet the needs of people with disabilities and ensure a more sustainable programme for the future.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES

Assistive devices were distributed to vulnerable populations across various countries including Nigeria, Bangladesh and Nepal. Assistive devices provided or dispensed ranged from spectacles to low vision devices, hearing aids and amplification devices, wheelchairs, orthopaedic braces and prostheses.

In Nepal there are two **cbm**-funded workshops that supply mobility aids, crutches, and other assistive devices. One in Banepa within the Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (HRDC), and the other in Nepalgunj which also provides repair and modification services for assistive devices. Now that there are two workshops funded by **cbm**, beneficiaries and family members are happy that they don't have to travel around 18 hours via bus to the Banepa Centre to access these essential services to help people with disabilities develop greater autonomy and safety in their daily lives.

LIFE-CHANGING SURGERIES

In 2022, **cbm** New Zealand funds helped provide a total of 2,332 surgeries in the field of eye health, for children with physical disabilities, and for mothers with obstetric fistula.

The pandemic limited **cbm's** ability to place surgeons in low income countries. However next year **cbm** anticipates that its ability to deploy doctors in the field will improve in the current countries and that it will be able to expand to other countries to support people in high need communities.

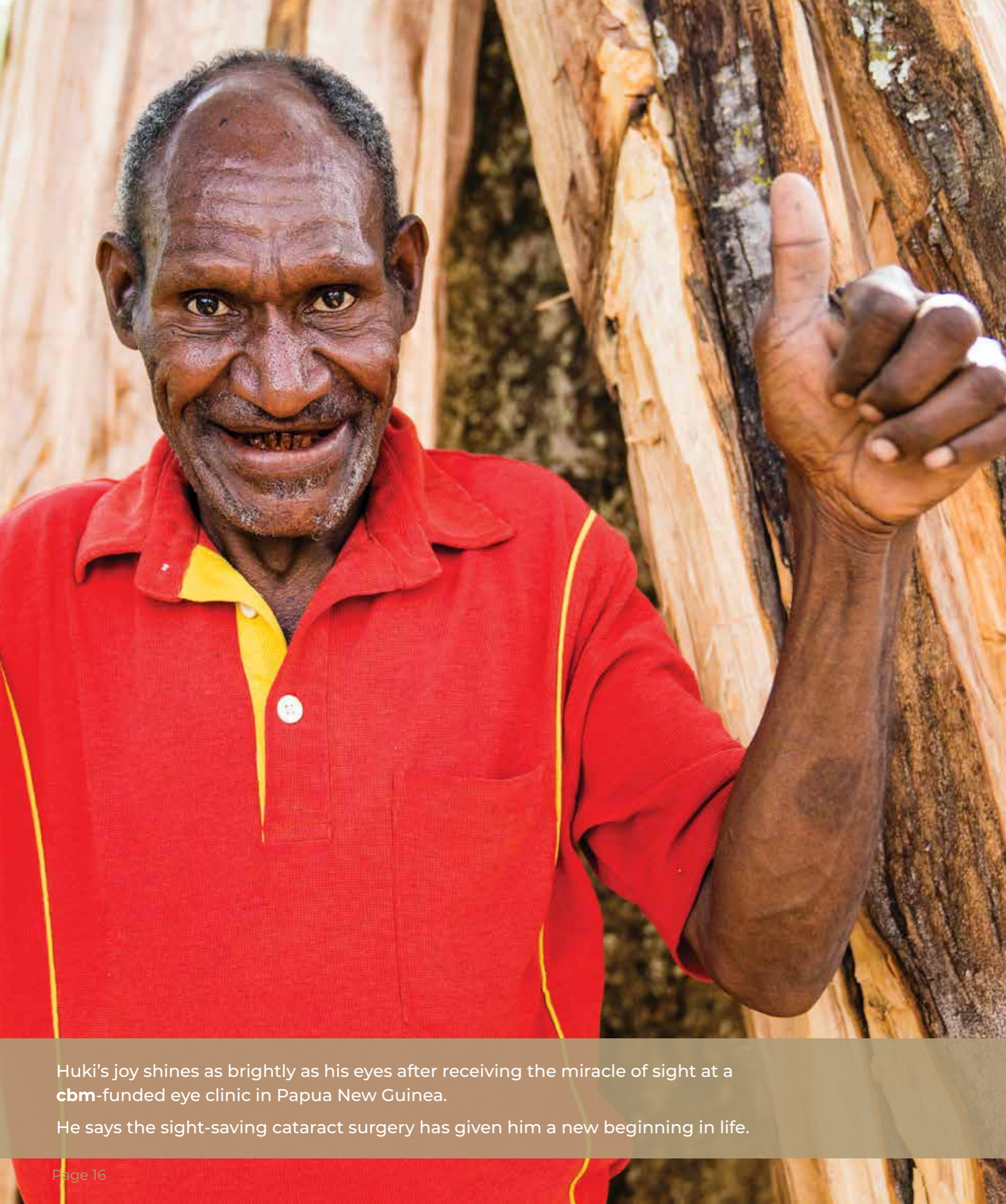
Many mothers in Nigeria have been struggling with fistula for twenty plus years without any hope of accessing the specialist medical care they need. But thanks to generous supporters like you – **cbm** in partnership with local hospitals, is able to bring help to local communities in the form of medical/surgical outreaches. For example, building on the gains of the first phases of **cbm's** obstetric fistula programme, the 2nd phase of the two fistula projects aims to ensure that mothers, including those with disabilities, are able to make positive reproductive health choices, and have improved access to maternal and child health services leading to a fistula-free generation in Nigeria.

TRAINING - UPSKILLING OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

In 2022 **cbm** New Zealand continued to help support the training of 7,485 health professionals (including doctors, nurses/assistants and therapists) to provide better services within their communities. This includes 68 doctors, 7,381 nurses and 36 therapists who received comprehensive training.

Read Ramsaran's transformational story on page 21.





Huki's joy shines as brightly as his eyes after receiving the miracle of sight at a **cbm**-funded eye clinic in Papua New Guinea. He says the sight-saving cataract surgery has given him a new beginning in life.

CATARACT SURGERY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Huki was a man lost in blindness, depression, hunger and loneliness - brought so low by two blinding disks in his eyes. But the generosity of people like you helped provide him with sight-saving cataract surgery and gave him back his life.

When our team in PNG returned to his village, he was so excited to see them. He hugged them. He grasped their hands and shook them with delight. Laughing, thanking them for the miracle of sight people like you gave to him.

The team was a bit taken aback. Not by Huki's hugs and handshakes, that's how people greet them wherever they are restoring sight. No, what was shocking was how much Huki had changed. He was almost unrecognisable. The depressed, downcast man now looked so jubilant and youthful!

Huki had been blind for years. As his cataracts grew and thickened, he could no longer work. Finally, when he was completely blind, Huki could not fend for himself at all. Feeling so powerless, Huki became very depressed.

"I didn't want to have to ask others for help. I lost energy. I would lie in bed and stay at home."

Eventually, visitors stopped coming. Feeding and helping Huki was just too much of an extra burden. This is the heavy cost of disability in places where people work so hard and so long just to cover the basics of survival. Disability makes life harder for everybody.

Thanks to people like you, **cbm**-funded field workers were able to reach Huki's village and find him. They told him about the **cbm**-funded eye surgery clinic in the local township.

His son helped Huki along the steep and muddy track to the road, then on two bus rides into the town of Goroka, to arrive at the eye clinic. In the operating room, a skilled **cbm**-funded ophthalmologist took the opaque blinding discs from Huki's eyes and replaced them with perfectly clear new lenses. His eyes were bandaged for the night.

Karen, **cbm's** Pacific Regional Coordinator, was on hand the morning after Huki's cataract surgery, when his eye bandages were removed.

"That is something I will never forget," Karen said. "Seeing the joy in Huki's face when his vision was restored, was so special."

Two years later, Huki's joy still shines as brightly as his eyes. He was so happy to show us the new life people like you have given him.

His depression is long gone. His energy is back. He says your gift of sight-saving cataract surgery has given him a new beginning in life.

OBSTETRIC FISTULA SURGERY IN NIGERIA

Not many people are aware of this devastating and debilitating health condition which can be caused during traumatic childbirth, and there are very few doctors who know how to treat obstetric fistula in the developing world.

Mary's postnatal doctors told her she was fine. She knew she was not. Without knowing help was available, Mary suffered more than a decade of heart-breaking shame.

The birth of her first child should have been joyful, but Mary knew something was wrong with her body. She felt it, then smelt it. Bodily waste was leaking from her. She had no control over it.

In a long, stalled labour, the baby's head had jammed against the tender membrane of Mary's birth canal. Starved of oxygen, a small part of Mary's birth canal wall died. It formed a hole, causing urine to seep through uncontrollably.

From that moment on, this heartbroken mother was forced to take scrupulous care of her cleanliness. This required constant cleaning, padding and wrapping to conceal the leak and suppress the smell.

Mary struggled to hide her shame. Constantly on the edge of utter humiliation in case someone smells her. She was never able to venture far from a bathroom. Afraid to use a public toilet in case she couldn't clean and wrap herself afterwards. Always on the verge of dehydration because drinking water means more leaking. Terrified that the smell would reach those around her.

Obstetric fistula had broken her heart, but not her faith. She said, "I felt depressed, but I trusted in God that everything would be all right."

So many times she pleaded and cried out to God. "God, You're the one who moulded me. Come and fix this thing. You can still correct it. Come and correct it for me."

Our heart goes out to mothers like Mary – trying so hard to cope with her bodily functions on top of all life's responsibilities as a wife, mother, employee and children's church volunteer. She's an incredible person. She has tried to lead a positive life, but obstetric fistula has taken a huge toll on her self-worth.

Her answer from God came like a miracle.

Against all odds, in their huge city of Lagos, her husband found a little advert about the **cbm**-funded hospital, Survive Fistula Healthcare Foundation (SFHF).

Thanks to generous people like you, Mary received life-changing surgery and her anguish turned to joy.

"I am so thankful to God for the perfect work in healing me."



In Nigeria, Mary received life-changing obstetric fistula surgery and healing at **cbm**-funded partner Survive Fistula Health Foundation. She is so grateful to generous **cbm** supporters for turning her anguish into joy.



Ramsaran, aged 5, is learning to walk again, after receiving bilateral clubfoot surgery at the **cbm**-partnered HRDC (Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children) in Nepal. Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, his future is now brighter.

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY AND REHABILITATION IN NEPAL

Ramsaran and his family live in extreme poverty. The poorest of the poor. In Nepal half the people live under the poverty line... and right at the bottom is Ramsaran's tribe, living on the steepest slopes with the worst land and barely enough to survive. Within that tribe, the most disadvantaged of all are people with disabilities like Ramsaran.

His father, Krishna, earns a meagre income labouring far from home. He has a simple, pure dream. "I want to see him walk to school." He knows school is the only route out of extreme poverty.

But school is an hour's walk away! So before his treatment, Ramsaran just sat in the dust, unable to even wriggle uphill to the rough clearing where his parents grow barely enough rice and maize to live on.

They have no money, no furniture in their mud hut... and no real hope of help for Ramsaran. That was until the day Sumitra, a **cbm**-funded field worker, climbed up their mountainside to find Ramsaran.

Climbing up to Ramsaran's hut was one of my toughest days," she said, "but the two-hour climb was worth it."

Sumitra searches for children like Ramsaran out of sheer gratitude. She, too, was born with clubfoot. Her life was radically transformed because of support like yours. She can now climb mountains, on beautifully restored feet.

Ramsaran's penniless parents could scarcely believe the good news Sumitra brought them. That generous people like you would cover all costs for transport and treatment. What a blessing people like you are to this family.

When they arrived at the **cbm**-funded Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (HRDC), they were amazed to see crowds of children with disabilities just like Ramsaran's. Clubfoot is the most common condition HRDC treats – seeing about 50 children a day.

Thankfully, Sumitra found Ramsaran just as his ankles were beginning to firm up. Any further wait would have required major surgery. Instead, sweet little Ramsaran received the Ponseti Technique. This means a new cast each week to slowly reshape his ankles – followed by a small operation called "heel cord release" so his feet can sit level.

Ramsaran also has the thrill of going to class for the first time in his life, at the hospital school. Drawing pictures, animals, even the alphabet.

As Ramsaran's feet slowly untwisted, Dad saw big changes in his son. "He was very shy and quiet. Now he has friends!"

Ramsaran was so happy with his wonderful straight feet.

His Dad wants you to know, "I'll always be grateful to people like you for supporting Ramsaran in this journey. Thank you for transforming my son's life."

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

11-year-old Naresh was born into extreme poverty, in a socially marginalised community in Nepal. He lives with his mum and dad, and three of his six siblings on a steep Himalayan hillside.

Naresh's life took a turn for the worst three years earlier, when a small accident at home eventually led to the amputation of his right leg!

Without a prosthetic limb, he found it difficult to navigate the steep, uneven paths to get to the local school, making his attendance irregular. And such challenging medical care costs far more than his family could ever dream. But generous **cbm** Child Sponsorship makes impossible dreams come true.

Naresh and his father, Gante, have made the long journey to the **cbm**-partnered Hospital and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children (HRDC) in Kathmandu. The orthopaedic surgeon examines Naresh's leg and joints thoroughly and he is measured several times by the orthopaedic technician, while having moulds made of his limb. The staff start assembling the components for his prosthetic leg.

A few days later, with his new prosthetic leg in place, Naresh takes a few steps hesitantly. With continued practice, Naresh will be able to walk without crutches on an even surface, and, importantly, he will learn the special technique to climb stairs too, enabling him to walk on the steep terrain around his home.

Back at home with his family, Naresh has been walking with his prosthetic leg for over a month. Tulsi, a **cbm**-partnered field worker, visits Naresh.

Naresh tells her, "I feel good wearing this, but it's a little uncomfortable. I fell once while walking, but I was not injured."

Field worker, Tulsi, asks Naresh to walk for her, and notices his steps are not straight. She refers them to the outreach clinic closer to their home, which has a small-scale prosthetic workshop.

Naresh and Gante arrive at the outreach clinic where the prosthetic leg is adjusted and more foam added for comfort.

"It is much easier now, there is no pain," Naresh smiles.

Naresh finds it so much easier going to school now. The steep hillsides are still a challenge, but he is improving every day.

But best of all, Naresh is able to play outside with his friends and is catching up to his peers in school.

Thanks to **cbm** Child Sponsors for supporting this life-changing programme.

Generous **cbm** Child Sponsors help children with disabilities receive the vital support they need through regular gifts, making impossible dreams come true. 11-year-old Naresh received a life-changing prosthetic limb at the **cbm**-partnered Hospital and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children in Nepal.



OUR WORK EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT

5,710 people empowered through development programmes, comprising:

4,611 people with disabilities enrolled in Inclusive Development programmes

390 children supported to access education

682 people empowered to improve livelihoods with peer support

27 teachers trained on Inclusive Education

Community Based Inclusive Development is a ministry that ensures people with disabilities are respected and included in their communities on an equal basis in all areas of life. This approach is people centered, community driven and human rights based.

INCLUSIVE LIVELIHOODS

For people with disabilities, earning an income is empowering, bringing the respect of others, including the respect of their families, and it also enables other opportunities. In 2022, **cbm** worked in Burkina Faso, Laos and Nigeria assisting people with disabilities to gain access to vocational training and employment.

With funding from **cbm** supporters and funding from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, **cbm** started a new livelihood project in the Luang Prabang Province of Laos which aims to practice Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID). Through this programme, people with disabilities and vulnerable groups will be empowered to access their human rights for clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Accessible WASH facilities will be constructed which will enable an approximate 200 households from 20 villages to access basic and hygienic WASH facilities.

This programme will also have a strong focus on strengthening livelihoods of 1,174 households from the marginalised communities in the Chomphet District in Lao PDR. These families will receive useful resources, knowledge and a range of capabilities to upscale family livelihoods. This includes crop cultivation, rice banks, animal husbandry, efficient cooking stoves, value addition centres, and other income generation activities.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Around the world over 30 million children with disabilities are missing out on education, and many more have dropped out, or are receiving poor quality education. These children are among the most marginalized in their communities. Receiving an

Onchan from Laos, is blind in one eye and has a hearing impairment. Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, he received three pigs and some farming equipment to enable him to provide an income for his family.



education is one of the primary ways people living in low income communities can break out of the poverty cycle.

Through **cbm's** Inclusive Education programme in Papua New Guinea, **cbm** New Zealand is working with its partners to transition traditional, segregated school systems to inclusive education. Through providing educational material and assistive technology and teaching mainstream teachers on strategies for educating children with differing needs, and with generous support from people like you, **cbm** is improving access to better quality education.

In 2022, **cbm** supported 390 children with disabilities to be enrolled in schools. This included children with visual and hearing impairments, physical and intellectual/ learning disabilities among others. Additionally, **cbm** helped support 27 regular and specialist teachers to be able to provide better support for children in need.



16-year-old Ruth outside her school. Ruth would love to become a teacher, so she can teach children like herself with disabilities, especially those with hearing impairments.

EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOODS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Sixteen-year-old Ruth was born with a hearing impairment.

She attended her local public school, in Papua New Guinea, for only two years. But she had a hard time because no one, not even her teacher, knew how to communicate with her.

At home, it was also difficult for Ruth. She couldn't hear what her family was saying to her and they could not understand what she was saying to them. Ruth felt depressed, lonely, and worried all the time, because no one could understand or communicate with her.

Seeing her struggle, one of her brothers developed signs with her to help her communicate. But when he passed away, Ruth once again felt alone.

Seeing her struggle to communicate at home, her father Bruno enquired at the **cbm**-partnered Callan Services Resource Centre. Thanks to generous people like you, they were able to help.

Ruth is now studying Grade 8 in primary school and lives with other young people with disabilities who also attend the school. Now fluent in sign language, Ruth is so thankful that her father brought her to Callan Services.

"I did not know any sign language before I came to Callan. Now I can communicate well in sign language," Ruth said happily in sign language.

Ruth did not forget about the communication barrier with her family. When she went home for holidays, she made it her responsibility to teach her siblings basic sign language so they could communicate together. "I felt that if I wanted to be heard, I must teach my family sign language so they can understand me and vice versa," she said.

Transitioning from education within the Callan Services Inclusive Education Resource Centre into the mainstream school nearby was difficult for Ruth at first. But she adjusted into the new environment well, making friends and working hard in her studies. There are two other students with hearing impairment in her class, and one sign language interpreter. Having a sign language interpreter in the classroom makes everyday classes easier for her.

Ruth's dream is to one day become a teacher so she can teach students with disabilities, especially those with hearing impairment. "I have experienced the struggles and the barriers that exist for us hearing impaired people, so I want to make a difference," Ruth said.

Ruth is happy and thankful to be attending school. "If it weren't for the inclusive education teachers and the sign language interpreters, I do not know how my life would be, it would have been very difficult."

OUR WORK

HUMANITARIAN ACTION

- 53,674** people with disabilities and their families were assisted in emergency situations, comprising:
 - 24,930** people supported with basic needs
 - 3,548** people received mental health and psychosocial support
 - 5,420** people supported with medical & rehabilitation services
 - 19,447** people equipped with hygiene and COVID-19 kits
 - 329** people supported with disaster preparedness

cbm's main humanitarian goal is to support locally driven people-centered, timely, appropriate and effective humanitarian assistance to some of the poorest and most at-risk men, women and children affected by natural and human-caused disasters. This support is delivered in partnership with Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPDs) and in close coordination with the humanitarian sector at global, regional, national and local levels.

Humanitarian Assistance programmes include the following activities:

- Multipurpose cash grants to meet food and basic needs in Kenya, Madagascar and Burkina Faso as a response to the current food crisis in Africa. The current drought is the longest, most severe drought in over 40 years with widespread livelihood losses and massive displacement of populations in search of pasture, food and water.
- Assistance to the Tongan volcanic eruption and tsunami through providing a life-line to people with disabilities by supporting their basic needs for survival.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in Indonesia to people affected by the Cianjur earthquake, as well as in the Philippines in response to Typhoon Odette.
- Rohingya refugees with disabilities in Bangladesh continued to be supported with rehabilitation including eye and hearing care, language and speech therapy, and assistive devices.

In funding these services **cbm** commits to ensuring people with disabilities are included in emergency situations by:

- Lifting the barriers people with disabilities face when accessing relief, protection and recovery support.

Thanks to generous people like you, when the volcanic eruption in Tonga caused a tsunami, **cbm**-partnered Fijian volunteers were able to help their fellow Pacific neighbours, ensuring they were not left behind or excluded in the emergency response.



- Ensuring the meaningful participation of people with disabilities in humanitarian decision making and also their involvement throughout the development, planning, implementation and evaluation of humanitarian response programmes.
- Making OPDs aware of their rights and how to exercise them with the aim to empower them to advocate for themselves, as well as to encourage and guide other relevant organisations, including governments and humanitarian agencies
- Providing advisory services to humanitarian response agencies to equip them with the practical knowledge on how to create disability inclusive environments.



Thanks to people like you, children and adults on the brink of starvation, due to ongoing droughts in Kenya, are receiving the help they need. Ensuring people with disabilities, like Julius, are no longer being left behind.

HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN KENYA

Right now in Kenya, the worst drought in decades is pushing millions of people to the brink of starvation. When you hear this, you know two things instinctively.

ONE... we are living in increasingly challenging and uncertain times.

TWO... but God is still in control! And through His word, He calls us to act to help those most at risk.

Thanks to generous supporters like you, we know that you care. You've shown that so well. And put simply, today your kindness and generosity is helping protect the life of someone with a disability trapped in the evolving drought crisis in Kenya.

Your gift is helping people with disabilities gain access to emergency food, clean water, medical supplies and mobility aids like crutches and wheelchairs.

Why is Kenya in crisis now? Three key reasons...

Drought has been affecting Kenya for the last 8 years. Another failed rainy season in early 2022 caused this year's harvest to fail too. Food prices are spiralling, livestock are dying, and people are dying too.

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the Kenyan economy, resulting in job losses and supply-chain breakdown.

The war in Ukraine has also made food shortages worse, and distracted the attention of the international aid community.

The scale of this unfolding tragedy is almost too big to fathom with millions of people on the brink of starvation.

This seems daunting, but here's how gifts from people like you made a difference:

- Helped vulnerable people with disabilities get urgent access to food and water supplies.
- Helped families affected by disabilities gain access to medicine and other medical supplies.
- Helped provide access to essential mobility aids like crutches or a wheelchair for someone who wouldn't be able to reach food and water queues without them.

We truly believe that God calls first on those of us He knows have both the compassion and the ability to act in time to help His children. You and I cannot end a drought, but together we have helped protect the lives of the most vulnerable people caught up in it.

HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN MADAGASCAR

People with disabilities are too often overlooked in everyday life, and miss out even more during times of crisis.

Food distribution centres may be set up in places people with disabilities cannot reach. Or they may not know where and how they can get help.

Children like Liasoa are being left behind.

Except **cbm** has a special focus on families where there is disability – giving the extra care and support to make sure they are safe.

In Madagascar there is a growing food crisis. Crops have failed two years running. Food supplies have run out – or are so expensive that people living in poverty cannot afford them. People are eating locusts, wild leaves and raw cactus plants just to survive.

Those most in danger are children with disabilities, like nine-year-old Liasoa, who was born with physical and intellectual disabilities. Her parents abandoned her. Only Liasoa's Grandma had the courage and love to take in this little girl and support her to survive.

Your courage and love have helped us to work together to help those most in danger from the famine crisis in Madagascar.

As Jesus tells us, in Matthew 25:35-40, when we feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and nurse people who are sick, we are also showing what we do for others, we are also doing for Him.

You can imagine how hard life must be for Grandma. She does everything for Liasoa. Feeds her a teaspoon at a time. Takes her to the toilet. Carries her on her back as she fetches water or looks for firewood.

Comforts her when there is no food: "When we have nothing to eat, I ask my neighbours to give us some in a plate."

With the little money she earns, she buys rice. She thins it into a watery porridge to make it last. It fills the tummy for a moment, but there is no goodness. No nutrition.

This is when hunger attacks children.

It eats away at Liasoa from the inside. Any fat reserves are long gone, so hunger devours the muscles, making the child – already fragile with disability – even weaker.

This is what famine is doing to children and adults with disabilities in Madagascar right now. It's why your generous gift has been so important.



Generous **cbm** supporters responded to Madagascar's food crisis, and have helped **cbm**-funded partners to reach vulnerable children, like Liasoa, and their families who are on the verge of starvation.



The Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, are some of the world's most vulnerable people – and the most disadvantaged of all are children with disabilities, like two-year-old Asha.

HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN BANGLADESH

It's hard to imagine the plight of more than a million people, who have lost everything and never know what the next day will bring.

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Two-year-old Asha, who was born with a severe clubfoot, lives in the Kutupalong in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Her home is a tiny plastic-wrapped bamboo shelter – just 10 square metres for a family of five.

Her parents just want the best for their children, but how is that possible for a little girl with clubfoot? With her foot painfully twisted as she tries to walk, every step is agony.

As a dad, Jafor felt hope was lost for his beautiful wee daughter. How could he find help for her in these camps? And in amongst all this pain, what he didn't realise was how urgent her need was. Her tendons became more rigid as she grew, until only extensive surgery could help her. Something that no refugee family could afford.

Her dad had every reason to fear for his little girl, but his love for Asha was so great that he never gave up seeking and asking: Could anyone help Asha?

Thanks to generous people like you, Jafor heard about the **cbm**-funded Medical Centre. He set out with his little girl, to find it. He carried Asha for more than an hour through their camp and into another huge camp called Balukhali. They were warmly welcomed. The doctors immediately diagnosed her clubfoot. Pleased to see that her foot was still pliable enough to avoid surgery.

Jafor could not believe the care and attention lavished on Asha. They made a plan for his daughter, to lengthen and strengthen her muscles and tendons. Exercises at home – and a fortnightly session at the **cbm**-funded Medical Centre.

In the **cbm**-funded Medical Centre, Asha also found an oasis. The Children's Room is a small building where children can escape the pain and hardship of their disabilities. An oasis where they feel safe to play with the toys, puzzles and balls. Even a little slide!

Asha stepped painfully and shyly into the Children's Room. She spied a little red plastic stool. Instead of sitting on it, she picked it up... and put it on her head like a hat.

She gurgled. She giggled. She started to laugh. Soon the whole room was laughing with her. Her deeply-moved dad said, "She has not laughed for such a long time."

This specialist therapy and care would simply not be possible without generous people like you.

WHO IS CBM?

CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION



OUR VISION

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



OUR MISSION

Fighting to end the cycle of poverty and disability.



OUR VALUES

We Champion Inclusion: We believe everyone is equal before God. We are passionate about working with people with disabilities to build a world in which all people are included, valued and respected.

We Strive for Justice: We work for positive change, inspired by a vision of a just and equitable world. We will model justice and faithful love as Jesus did, serving those in greatest need, regardless of race, gender, age or religious belief.

We Pursue Excellence: We are committed to

achieving the greatest possible impact from the resources entrusted to us, attaining high quality in all our work. We challenge ourselves to constantly learn, innovate and improve.

We Embrace Partnership: We achieve more when we work with others. We commit to partnership, listening and learning together. We collaborate creatively with partners, supporters, governments and colleagues to achieve lasting change.

We Live with Integrity: We show God's character by seeking to live by our values and fulfill our commitments. We hold ourselves accountable to our supporters and those we serve, seeking to live authentically, responsibly and honestly.



cbm New Zealand staff in 2021. Back L-R: Maria, Natalie, Xaviera, Robyn, Murray, Bruce, Marty. Front L-R: Imran, Hermie, Karen, Judi, Viv, Debbie, Trudi, Linabel. In 2022 we welcomed new staff Amanda, Ahyoung and Mirella.

OUR PEOPLE

At **cbm** New Zealand, we are blessed to have a wonderful team of staff and volunteers who dedicate their talents and skills to serving people with disabilities living in poverty around the world.

LIVING OUR VALUES

Having a values-based culture is our highest people priority. Our values – inclusion, justice, excellence, partnership, and integrity – drive the way we work, our behaviours and our interactions both internally and externally.

Staff members also come together to live out our values through staff gatherings and in weekly devotional reflection.

We are blessed with a small but dedicated team of volunteers who helped with weekly administrative duties and thank you calling to **cbm** supporters even during lockdown. We loved hearing from them each week and they are a valued part of our family.

...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said,
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

– Acts 20:35

OUR BOARD

cbm New Zealand is very grateful to its Board members who generously volunteer their time and expertise and act in a non-executive capacity.

In 2022, John Bergin and long-standing Board member and disability advocate Tony McLean retired from the Board and we thank them for their significant contribution to **cbm**. We welcomed Neil Murray, Evan Clulee, Hanre Becker and Ian Horne.

Featured on this page are Board members as at the end of 2022.

Our Board undertakes continual reviews to ensure a balanced mix of skills, with diverse experience and leadership qualities. The relationship of our Board and Senior Leadership Team is one of cooperation and a shared commitment to the mission of **cbm**.

ANDREW SMITH (CHAIR)

Andrew joined the Board in 2019, having recently retired from a career in surgery, counselling and tertiary education. His previous involvement in mission, particularly in South East Asia, made **cbm** an ideal organisation in which to invest post-retirement time and energy. He is currently Chair of the Board, with a particular concern for staff well-being and good organisational practice.

SUSAN WILLIS-HIRST

Susan joined the Board in 2014. She was Chair of the Board for three years until Nov 2021. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Masters in Marketplace Christianity. Her career was forged in marketing for several multi-national fast moving consumer goods companies. Susan was fortunate to visit Africa in 2017 and was deeply impressed by the impact that **cbm** is making in the lives of people with disabilities who are also living in poverty.

RAY COSTER

Ray joined the Board in 2015 because of his conviction that the heart of God is to care for the poor and needy. Ray was previously a Presbyterian minister. He served as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church from 2012-2014 and continues ministry at the national level as a member of a number of Church Committees. Ray is our board member who sits on the CBM Global board. Ray is the New Zealand representative on the World Council of Churches Central Committee.

VERONIA HOUGHTON

Veronia is a chartered accountant and chartered member of the Institute of Directors. She is a self-employed business woman, a company director and financial officer for several private property development and investment companies and serves on local community not for profit boards. Veronia has also served in the NZ Police both as a front-line officer and forensic accountant.

GERALDINE CRUDGE

Geraldine joined the Board in 2020. Geraldine is a solicitor, and currently works for an Auckland-based employment law services firm. She has a Masters degree in International Development from the London School of Economics, and a passion for the poor and marginalised in the world. She has volunteered in New Zealand and London with various charities, and spent time volunteering in Thailand, India and Myanmar.

EVAN CLULEE

Evan joined the Board in 2022. He has worked across the disability sector in various roles over 30 years, including being CEO of an intentional Christian community supporting people with intellectual disabilities. Evan holds a degree in Applied Theology from Carey Baptist College, Auckland. Evan has first-hand experience of mission, and development alongside disabled people in the Philippines, South East Asia, and the Pacific region. These experiences grew a desire to serve and support disabled people across the world.

NEIL MURRAY

Neil joined the Board in 2022. He is a retired eye surgeon who was active, often together with his wife Tania and children, in inclusive eye work in the developing and developed world for nearly 30 years. During this time he has known **cbm** from both the inside – in the field in West Africa working for **cbm** for several years – and from the outside, not only as a supporter but also as an observer of **cbm** activities while involved with other aid organisations. He has a deep understanding and appreciation of the impact of **cbm's** work.

HANRE BECKER

Hanre joined the Board in 2022. He is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered member of the Institute of Directors. Hanre has held the position of Chief Financial Officer in several medium to large organisations, as well as Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director. Currently Hanre is an Investor and Professional Director. Hanre is grateful to be able to spend more time in serving not for profit organisations and his local community and hopes to make a difference with his involvement in **cbm** and all our exceptional projects.

IAN HORNE

Ian joined the Board in 2022. He holds a Masters in Business Administration (Dist) and is a member of the Institute of Directors. Recently retired from a career in banking and the public sector, Ian now seeks to utilise his skills in governance, finance and organisational management, in the not for profit sector. He has a passion to serve the poorest of the poor.

ENGAGING WITH OUR VALUED SUPPORTERS

JUSTICE CONFERENCE

cbm was an active voice at the Justice Conference in 2022.

We hosted a panel discussion with three people with differing disabilities, and discussed their experience of disability, barriers to inclusion in the church and society, and what churches can do to improve their welcome, accessibility and belonging for people with disabilities.

Sixty people attended the panel discussion and the questions they asked indicated that many were new to thinking through disability issues and appreciated hearing firsthand about challenges the panelists face.

Many people engaged with us at the **cbm** stand, including people new to **cbm**, and we provided New Zealand Sign Language interpretation for the conference mainstage, which was a significant first.

DAVID BAINBRIDGE'S VISIT

CBM Global's Executive Director, David Bainbridge, visited New Zealand in 2022.

David has been a great servant leader, who has faithfully included the voice of CBM's partners and members of organisations of people with disabilities in shaping the direction and values of CBM Global.

We honoured David's leadership with the gift of a pounamu taonga.

While in New Zealand, David met with staff and board members, inspiring us with stories of transformation and inclusion.

David also led a supporters' meeting and lunch in Auckland, where we heard about CBM Global's work and plans, as well as providing more information about the crises faced by Burkina Faso, Kenya and Madagascar, and the work CBM is doing in response.



MIRACLES DAY

Miracles Day raised over \$70,000! Thank you for your overwhelming kindness!

Our Miracles Day campaign, run in partnership with Rhema Media, saw three radio stations, Life FM, Rhema and Star, relay the amazing stories of sight-saving surgeries and the impact of **cbm** New Zealand's eye-health work in PNG.

Your generous gifts, along with the New Zealand Aid Programme multiplier x5, will help provide sight-saving cataract surgeries, and other eye health services, including glasses. They will help train new ophthalmologists, and they will help develop inclusive education for people with blindness, or who have low vision, by providing braille and tactile skills to infants, pre-schoolers, school age children and young adults.

We'd like to thank everyone who makes Miracles Day such a success each year, for people like Maria (pictured below) from Papua New Guinea.



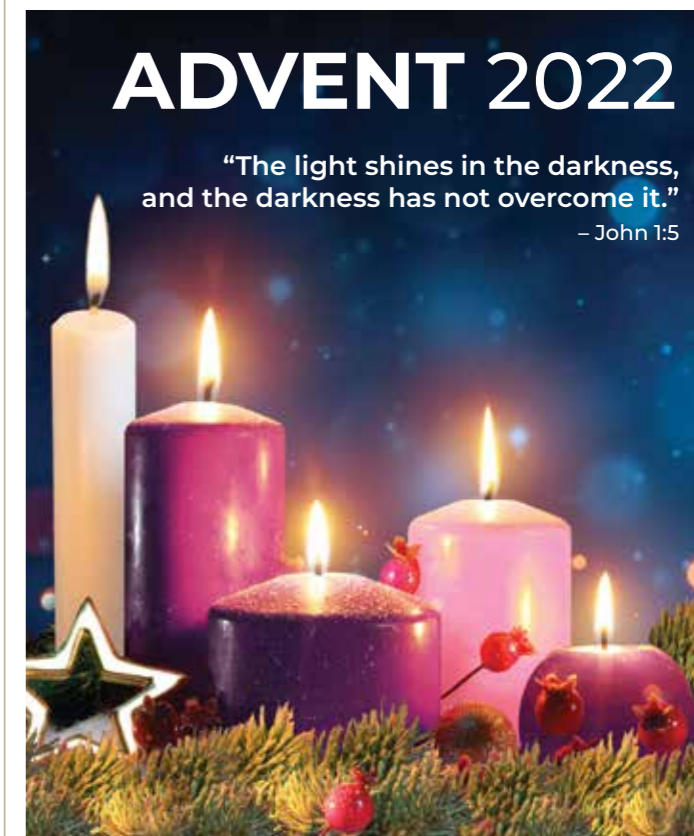
ADVENT

Advent sees us coming together to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Each week, our free four-week **cbm** Advent series, was sent out with prayers and reflection, impact stories and videos about **cbm's** mission to bring **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love** to people with disabilities in the world's poorest places.

Alongside the church programmes, the church congregation and **cbm** supporters were invited to continue Advent reflections at home by creating special Advent moments with loved ones, including prayers and reflections during the week, Advent colouring in, a 'how to' guide to make your own Advent wreath, and opportunities to give meaningful gifts at Christmas.

This year, please join **cbm** in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas with loved ones, friends, colleagues, neighbours, and people in your community.

To find out more, please visit www.advent.org.nz



EXTERNAL GOVERNING BODIES

cbm New Zealand is a Member Association of CBM Global Disability Inclusion. Together, we work alongside people with disabilities in the world's poorest places to transform lives and build inclusive communities where everyone can enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.

cbm New Zealand is a registered charity with the New Zealand Government (CC26154). All Board members act in a voluntary, non-executive capacity and participate in an annual process to review **cbm** New Zealand's policy compliance and Board performance.

cbm New Zealand is accredited by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), which is responsible for managing the New Zealand Aid Programme. To maintain accreditation, **cbm** New Zealand's systems, policies and processes are rigorously reviewed by the the New Zealand Aid Programme.

cbm New Zealand is a signatory to the New Zealand Council for International Development (CID) Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. As a signatory, we are committed and fully adhere to the CID Code of Conduct, conducting our work with transparency, accountability and integrity.

cbm New Zealand also adheres to the CID Fundraising Charter. **cbm** New Zealand CEO Murray Sheard sits on the CID Board of Trustees.



Obstetric Fistula ministry is so wonderfully life-restoring. Generous gifts from supporters like you have helped mothers, like Chizoram, escape a life of shame and isolation, by restoring their hope and dignity.

Adolphe, and his daughter Agnes, give thanks to generous supporters like you, that who provide sight-saving medicine to help protect children and adults from **cbm** the devastating effects of River Blindness in Nigeria.

“Do everything in love.”

– 1 Corinthians 16:14



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