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Because of **YOU**



Inside:

How you bring life-saving love to people struggling with their mental health.

Little Camille and Nadiah have been set free from a life of pain.

Aashika dreams of becoming a doctor because of you.

Because of **YOU**

lives have been transformed...

In 2025, more than 1.56 million people had their lives transformed through our international programs and many millions more through our advisory and advocacy work.

 **1,079,158** people screened for eye disease to prevent blindness or low vision

Number of people treated for disease that cause blindness (including receiving visual assistive device): 900,732.



77,565

cataract operations performed



112,521

visual assistive devices provided

 **915,154** people supported with medical services (physical and mental)



1,619

people supported to access education services



1,974

professional health workers receiving specialist health related technical training

Thank you for bringing much-needed transformation and hope to the world's most vulnerable people.

Thank you so much.



To you, a dear friend and faithful supporter,

Thank you.

Those two simple words – ‘thank you’ – aren’t enough to convey all the gratitude and appreciation I have in my heart. Your generous support has meant the world to me, and to everyone whose lives you’ve touched and transformed.

You might never know their name, but somewhere across the world ... someone is going about their day, beaming with delight, and able to see clearly for the *first time in years* (see pgs 8 and 9) – because of you.

Or perhaps a child with a disability, like Aashika (pg 10) who can now walk freely and without pain, because of the surgery, and physiotherapy you’ve given her.

Someone like Dilmaya (pg 6-7), who now knows her own value and feels confident and happy – because of your kindness.

Lives all completely changed, because of you.

Whether you have joined us recently, or if you’re one of our longest giving supporters, **thank you** for the wonderful work YOU have made possible for people with disabilities living in poverty.

With peace and thanks,

Jane Edge
Chief Executive Officer
CBM Australia

You've helped **not just ONE child...**



6-year-old Camille is free from pain and blindness, because of you!

Not long ago, a playground accident caused her eye to develop a thick, blinding cataract and severe photophobia (light sensitivity). As a result, this young girl (who was once the top of her class) had fallen far behind at school.

Thanks to your wonderful generosity, Camille was able to get a life-changing and sight-restoring surgery not long ago – and she can clearly see her parent's smiling faces and play with her friends, without any pain, blindness, or discomfort.

Her parents also told us that the first thing Camille did when they got home from hospital, was drag out her schoolbooks and start reading again!

A thousand times over, thank you for giving this little girl back her sight and future!

"As a mum, my heart is filled with joy for these precious children and their families. Thank you so much for helping these little ones see clearly," Jane Edge, CEO



Together, you and our amazing Hope Growers have given TWICE THE SIGHT to people in need.

How can we ever thank you enough? Because of YOU and our generous Hope Growers, more than 29,000 people have the chance to see again!

We have been blown away by your heartwarming response to our 2026 Save Sight appeal. Our generous Hope Growers have matched every gift you and over 3,000 wonderful supporters gave before 30 June, collectively restoring the sight of those going needlessly blind - that's more than 29,000 sight-saving cataract surgeries!

This means that over 29,000 people who are blinded by cataracts will now get the chance to see. This is an exceptional result, and one you should be very proud of!

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians 9:9

...but TWO children see again!

Little Nadiah can also see clearly for the first time, because of you. Thank you so much!

Baby Nadiah and her family have experienced more than their fair share of tragedy and grief. The devastating loss of one of their children. Ongoing poverty and extreme hardship. And then little Nadiah developing thick, blinding cataracts.

Without urgent surgery, this baby girl would become permanently blind - never getting to see the wondrous world that God has made.

But because of your incredible kindness, little Nadiah has been given free cataract surgery at one of our partner hospitals in Zimbabwe. After so many setbacks, hardship and loss, Nadiah's parents have been overwhelmed by your support for their daughter.

Thank you for giving baby Nadiah the chance to see her family for the first time in her life.





Because of you,

love reaches those who need it most

If you've ever loved someone who's struggled with their mental health, you'll know they need understanding, not fear or isolation.

But in many of the countries we work in, mental health conditions can be misunderstood, rejected, and even feared...

...just as Dilmaya discovered when she went to school.

When she was only 3-years-old, Dilmaya began having severe epileptic seizures – up to 5 or 6 a day. As painful and difficult as this was for Dilmaya and her family to navigate, school brought an even deeper hurt.

Her classmates at school ran away from her, frightened they'd 'catch' epilepsy. And her teachers scolded and hit her, thinking Dilmaya was misbehaving.

Heartbroken, misunderstood, and fighting a physical battle she didn't even understand, Dilmaya's mental health deteriorated so badly, her life was in danger.

It's ONLY because of you that Dilmaya was identified and given the life-saving support she needed, before it was too late.

With your help, CBM outreach teams can continue visiting at-risk communities, raising awareness, visiting homes, and helping people like Dilmaya get the expert support they urgently need.

Thanks to you, people like Dilmaya are being met with love, compassion and understanding.

Thank you for supporting this crucial and often life-saving work.

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed... the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down..."
Psalm 146:7-8



Because of you... a future with clean, safe water made possible!



Thank you

for restoring the borehole in a remote Nigerian community...

Your faithful support is protecting people from the dangers that come with unsafe water. The broken borehole sat idle in the community for a year, forcing families back to unsafe water sources.

But you stepped in to help. Your support allowed us to carefully restore the borehole that had sat idle.

For the first time in over a year, the community members had reliable access to safe water at their doorstep! No more dangerous journeys to distant communities. No more unsafe water.

Because of you, fewer people are getting sick from waterborne diseases, the community has more freedom, and families are raising their children with safe water and hygiene practices for a happy and healthy future.

Thank you for answering the prayers of villagers here. Because of you, safe water flows freely today and into the future!

“It was during this period that God used this organisation to fix the problem, and it’s working now.”

– Auwalu, community member



...and for freeing people from the injustice of unsafe water.

“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” Isaiah 12:3

It doesn’t end there! Thanks to your faithful support, sanitation and hygiene has been brought directly to communities, schools and homes through our WASH (**W**ater, **S**anitation and **H**ygien) program.

When you give the gift of safe water, you stop diseases like cholera, diarrhoea and trachoma from spreading. Better yet, you prevent sickness and disability in the first place.

Because of you, community members like Margaret are educated to now help others.

You may remember Margaret, the mother of eight children living in remote Kenya, who suffered from trachoma due to poor hygiene.

Trachoma caused her to go blind and suffer unbearable pain. As she told us, *“My eyes were watering so bad I couldn’t see anything. I lost hope.”*



Because of you, Margaret received the treatment she desperately needed and joined our WASH program. She now teaches her neighbours about handwashing and hygiene to stop others from experiencing the same pain she did.

Over 500,000 deaths each year are estimated to be linked to diseases related to dirty water.

That’s thousands of people praying for someone like you to make the suffering end.

Thank you for opening your kind heart to help free them from the injustice of unsafe water for good.

Aashika cannot wait to go back to school, **because of you**

“You have changed my daughter’s life!” – Sushila, Aashika’s mum



Your heart will warm to hear this update on little Aashika, and how much her life has completely transformed, because of you.

7 years ago, Aashika suffered a *horrific* accident. A cooking fire spread to the hammock where she was sleeping and **badly burned** both her feet.

In the weeks and months that followed, Aashika ended up losing all the toes on her left foot, and her right foot was badly damaged too.

Years later, thanks to caring people like **you**, a CBM outreach team arrived in her village and shared the wonderful news that we could cover the cost of a corrective surgery for Aashika and all their travel expenses to Kathmandu. Her whole family was overjoyed!

Aashika’s mum said, *“I would like to express my heartfelt thanks. Before this, we did not know what to do, but the medical camp has made everything possible. I feel truly happy!”*

And now - **because of you!** - Aashika has been able to have not just one, but TWO corrective surgeries, one on her left foot and her right. And today, she walks without any pain or discomfort.

Aashika has been so inspired by your kindness, she told us:

“When I grow up, I want to become a doctor so I can help my patients recover. I know I must study hard to achieve my dream.”

Thank you for letting hope live for more children like Aashika.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

Championing Inclusion: Reflections from IDPD 2025



International Day of People with Disabilities

This year’s International Day of People with Disability (IDPD) felt especially meaningful. After years of advocacy alongside our partners, we celebrated the Australian Government’s commitment of \$50 million for Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs).

Moments like this don’t happen in isolation! **185 supporters joined Jane Edge** to send a simple but heartfelt message of thanks to the Hon. Dr Anne Aly, Australian Minister for International Development, recognising her commitment to disability inclusion in Australian aid. It was a powerful reminder that real change is driven by people like you choosing to speak up and stand alongside others.



Speaking at the ACFID 2025 National Conference, **Maulani Rotinsulu from the ASEAN Disability Forum** shared both powerful wisdom and inspiration. Reminding us all how important it is to centre the voices of people with disabilities, and what’s possible when governments, organisations, and OPDs work together.

At its heart, this progress is about people, many who are too often overlooked. Your support helps change that. **That’s why 3 December matters. We invite you to mark IDPD in your calendar and keep standing with us as we build a more inclusive, welcoming world for everyone!**

Save the date!

At the end of this year, we are hosting some special “Thank You Morning Teas” for our amazing supporters. (Yes, that’s you!)

If you are available on any of the following days, we’d would be thrilled to see you:

- Melbourne – Tue 27 Oct
- Sydney – Tue 17 Nov
- Sunshine Coast – Wed 18 Nov

More details will follow soon!



I offer my hand to help people with disabilities living in poverty.

Wherever there are people with disabilities living in poverty, I offer my hand to CBM to help them.

I want to use the power in my hands today to help those who need it most.



Thank you

for your life-changing gift.

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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.

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