

Your Eye on the World

How your support changes lives in the world's poorest places



Yamuna (centre with crutches) and some of her friends

One year since an earthquake devastated Nepal - your gifts are still hard at work

Almost a year has passed since that devastating day on April 25th 2015 when a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. A series of aftershocks followed. And then, two weeks later, another equally powerful earthquake followed.

Nepal was plunged into a massive humanitarian crisis. 8,800 people lost their lives. And 600,000 families lost their homes. The Nepalese people were in urgent need of help.

Thanks to you, CBM's Emergency Response Team was there. And your support means CBM is still there on the ground helping families rebuild their lives.

Families like Yamuna's whose home was completely destroyed by the earthquake. Her parents Sanu Babu and Lok Kumari moved from their tiny village in the hills of Nepal to the Makwanpur district two decades ago in search of a better life.

They worked hard and eventually were able to build

a modest two storey home where they could raise their family. But on April 25th last year everything they had worked so hard for was destroyed in minutes.

Yamuna remembers that dreadful day all too clearly. Her eyes still fill with fear when she recalls what happened "All of a sudden the tin roof made a frightening noise. I didn't know what was happening. Everything inside the house was shaking".

But thanks to you, CBM's Emergency Response Team was there helping people access emergency medical support and supplies.

In particular, they wanted to reach children like Yamuna. This little girl has already overcome so much, born with spina bifida and bilateral club foot Yamuna underwent a double amputation when she was just 12 years old.

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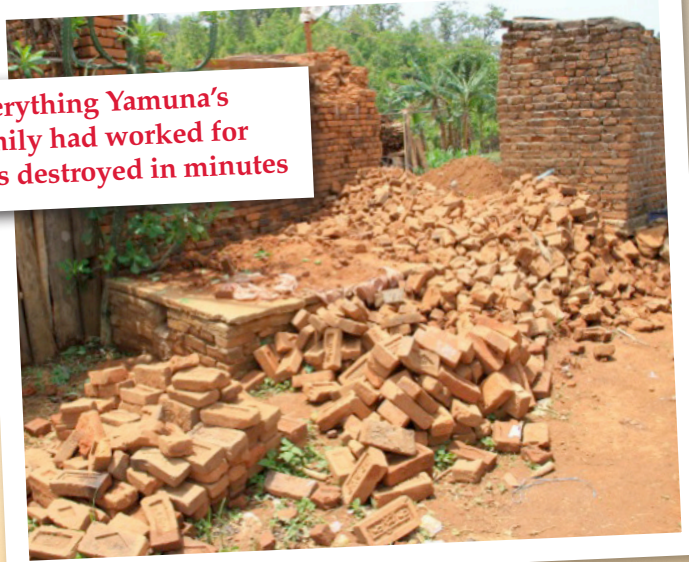
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Our specially trained teams are highly aware that children like Yamuna with disabilities are among the most at risk in times of emergency.

We first met Yamuna five years ago and helped her get access to the medical treatment and the aftercare she needed. That's all thanks to support like yours.

And once again in the aftermath of this devastating earthquake you were there. Your support has enabled CBM to reach 19,000 people like Yamuna and her family, ensuring that they have access to emergency medical care and supplies and offering support to help them rebuild their lives and their homes. That's all thanks to people like you and your generous support.

Everything Yamuna's family had worked for was destroyed in minutes



Without you we could not be there for families like Yamuna's, thank you so much for all your generosity.

How you're helping us reach the world's poorest people, eliminate avoidable blindness and influence policy at home and across the globe.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A BRIGHTER FUTURE POSSIBLE

**VISION
2020**
THE RIGHT TO SIGHT

You're helping to eliminate avoidable blindness.

You are so important to CBM. It's your generosity and unwavering support which makes us believe that together we really can change the world.

Did you know 8 out of every 10 people who lose their sight, lose it to an infection that could have been cured like River Blindness or Trachoma? Or to conditions like Cataract which can be so easily treated?

And so today we want to thank you. Because of your incredible support, everyday we come one step closer to realising our Vision

2020 of eliminating avoidable blindness.

It's because of you and your support that we can dare to dream so big. Your generous gifts help fund operations that can restore the sight of a child like Edwin. And, train the doctors

who carry out these sight-saving procedures.

We know it's an ambitious goal but with your support it's also absolutely possible. We believe this is a dream worth fighting for and we know you do too.



Edwin, age 2, after his sight-saving cataract operation

Thank you for playing your part in eliminating avoidable blindness.

Some good news that we know you'll agree is worth sharing!

- New Sustainable Development Goals announced
- Specific reference to people with disabilities included
- CBM played a key role in lobbying and campaigning

As a CBM supporter we know that like us you are committed to helping people with disabilities in the world's poorest places.

And thanks to you CBM is not just on the ground helping the world's most vulnerable people. We are also making sure their voices are represented at every level.

As part of this work CBM Ireland recently met with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade. We used this platform to highlight the importance of the inclusion of people with disabilities in the recently adopted **Sustainable Development Goals**.

The new **Sustainable Development Goals** make specific reference to people with disabilities, a welcome move as a result of the efforts and commitment of people like you who are willing to stand up for others.

Your gifts and support enable us to be there, influencing policy makers to create change on a global level.

And it's these kinds of efforts that provide a catalyst for global change.

Here, on the right, you can find some of the goals that will have significant impact for people with disabilities.

You're helping us ensure that people with disabilities are represented at every level.
Thank You!



Pictured Left to Right: Mr Lars Bosselmann Director of Advocacy CBM International, Deputy Pat Breen TD Chair of Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, Dr Mary Keogh Senior Advisor - Disability and Equality, CBM International, Ms Sarah O'Toole CEO CBM Ireland, Dr Fiona Larkan Chair CBM Ireland Board.



There are 1 billion people in the world today living with a disability, **80% of whom are living in poverty.**



Although people with disabilities have a **greater need for health care**, they often **find it difficult to access services.**



Children with disabilities can find it **difficult to access school**, yet, like all children, they **need education** to reach their full **potential.**



CBM works with NGOs, governments & local communities **to reduce stigma & inequality** experienced by people with disabilities.

**YOU MADE AUGUSTINE'S
WISH COME TRUE**

**“Thank you so much
for all you have
done for my son.
He can see now and
he can go to school.
I’m so happy”**

- Augustine’s mother

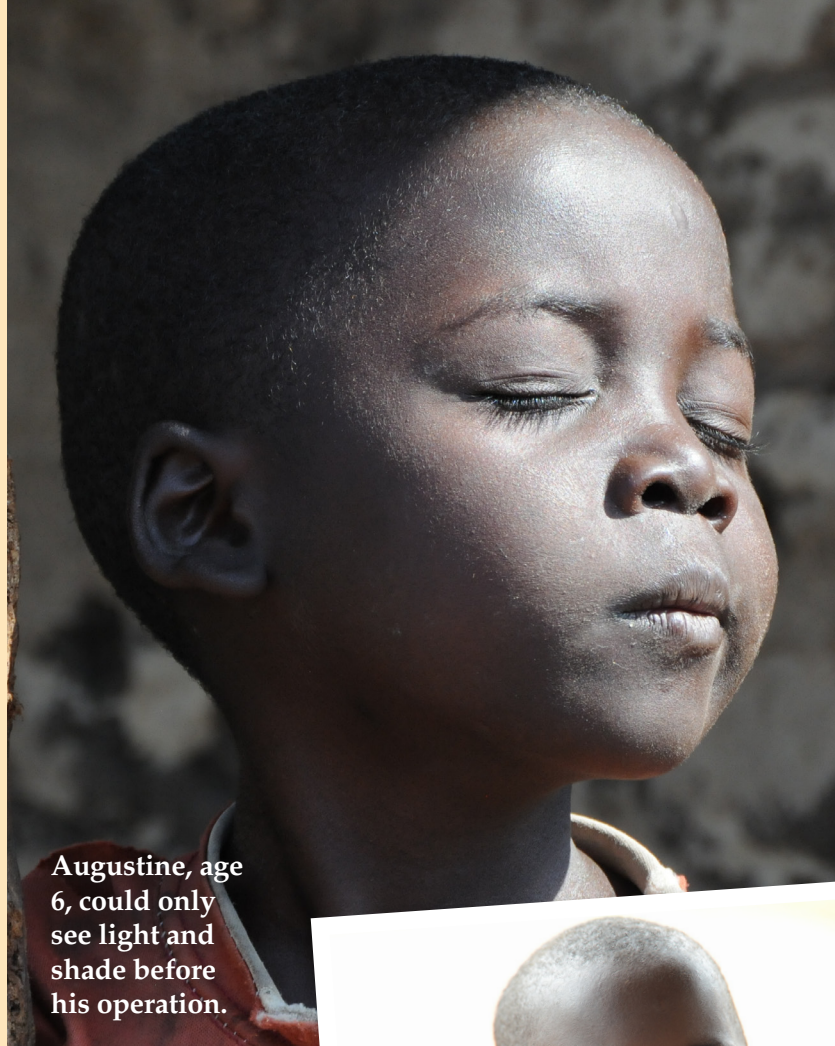
Augustine’s mother Annett knows that without the help of people like you her son would be facing a very uncertain future.

Back in November we shared Augustine’s story with you. We told you his greatest wish was to be able to see and go to school with his siblings. And you’ll be heartened to hear that since his cataract surgery life for Augustine has changed completely. His wish has come true and he couldn’t be happier.

“I’m sorry, I can’t stay, I have to go to school now”, that’s what he proudly announced when CBM community worker Agnes recently arrived to check in with Augustine and his family.

Without support like yours this walk to school which means so much to Augustine would not have been possible.

His mother who works two jobs to support her family says, “When he couldn’t see properly I just didn’t see the sense in sending him to school. Back then he would not have been able to find his way.”



Augustine, age 6, could only see light and shade before his operation.

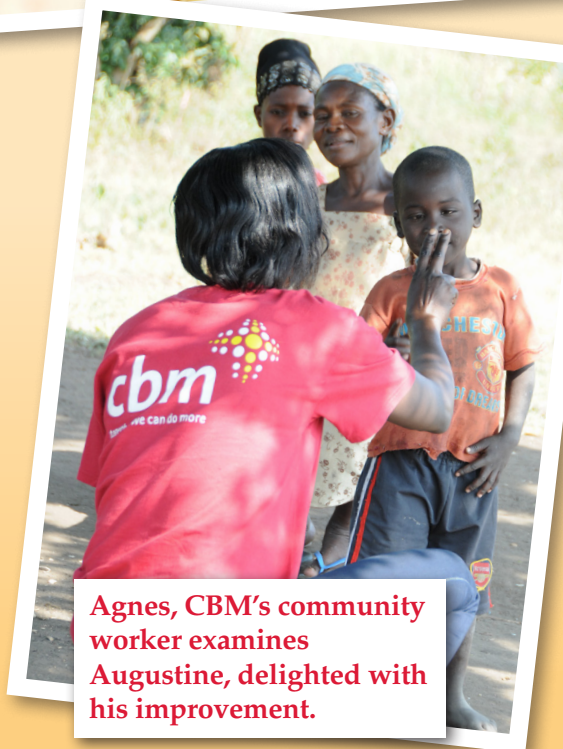
Before his operation Augustine could only see light and shade and was almost completely reliant on his mother.

And although he will need glasses to see the blackboard in school he is making great progress. His teacher Shaman says “He enjoys learning a lot.”

Augustine’s mother is so grateful for her son’s new found freedom. She says “His life has certainly improved. I would never have had the money for the eye surgery. So, please continue your work and help other children in need, too. God bless you”.

**Your gifts are changing
the lives of children like
Augustine, thank you for
your continued support.**

**Augustine
about to
leave for
school.**



**Agnes, CBM’s community
worker examines
Augustine, delighted with
his improvement.**



"Thank you so much for the efforts you put in to change Denis' life"
Denis' sister Roy

Without you children like Denis would never walk again.

Do you remember little Denis whose story we shared with you in September? He was born with Blount's disease, which caused his legs to bow. Denis came very close to losing the use of his legs forever.

But thankfully, because of support like yours we were able to reach Denis in time. He underwent surgery to help straighten his legs.

As you may remember Denis' surgery involved fitting a fixator to his right leg which was severely bowed.

The latest news on Denis is very good. Fifty-five days after he returned home he had his fixator

removed.

The procedure only took a few minutes. Denis was understandably nervous but Dr. Antonio reassured him and gave him a sweet before and after the procedure.

On receiving his second sweet that familiar smile returned to Denis' face. His sister Roy was very relieved. She had been very worried about her little brother's future.

"I had neighbours who told me that he would soon not walk anymore and that surgery would not help him. The people were wrong and I'm so grateful."

There was soon even more good news, as two weeks ahead of schedule, Denis walked without his crutches!

Soon Denis will be back in school and he can't wait. If you would like to see Denis's progress, you can watch a video of his journey at www.cbm.ie/denis

His sister Roy is so grateful to supporters like you who have helped Denis.

"Thank you so much for the efforts you put in to change Denis' life! I hope you will continue helping many other children like my brother".

And with your help of course we will. Thank you for believing in children like Denis. Your gifts really do have the power to change lives.



Your gift could help
change the life of
someone like Astelia

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ensure your gifts keep
on giving. Thank you for
your ongoing generosity.**
