

HELP RESTORE SIGHT TO THE CHILDREN OF MALAWI

Giving the gift of sight is the most cost-effective way to reduce poverty, according to the World Health Organization.

Without urgent help, hundreds of children in Malawi will face a lifetime of blindness and all the suffering which that entails.

Malawi is one of the poorest countries of the world and has a population of approximately 13 million people. For children in Malawi, congenital and developmental cataract is the leading cause of blindness.

Every year approximately 120-180 children are born with congenital cataract or they develop cataracts; moreover, there is a backlog of over 600 children who need urgent eye care.

Seva Canada is working with the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in the capital city of Blantyre to create a comprehensive eye care program for the children of Malawi.

Our objectives include:

- To increase by 50% the number of children referred to the hospital who are blind or severely visually impaired.
- To increase by 50% the number of surgeries for congenital and developmental cataracts each year for the next three years.
- To ensure that 100% of children who need glasses after surgery get them.
- To ensure that over 80% of children receive intraocular lens implants during cataract surgery.
- To ensure that 100% of children get the follow up they need and that 100% of children are placed in an appropriate educational environment.

Creating a comprehensive pediatric eye care program will cost \$150,000 over three years. The good news is that we have raised \$80,000 to date through the following commitments:

Lions Club Africa	\$50,000
Somerset Foundation	\$30,000

AMOUNT STILL TO RAISE: \$70,000

Two of Seva Canada's board members, Nancy Mortifee and Matt Buie, have personally undertaken to raise funds for this urgent project.

Learn more about Seva in Malawi at <http://www.seva.ca/malawi.htm>



ABOUT SEVA CANADA

Seva Canada Society is an international eye care charity that has been working for over 27 years to restore sight and prevent blindness in the developing world.

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