



NEW SIGHT NEWS PRESENTS EDITION



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As we reflect on 2014, we are thankful for many gifts...



We are thankful for YOU! Thank you for your gifts of kind interest, generosity, encouragement, and support.



We are thankful for OUR STAFF and their hard work!



* We think of the wonderful 'Playing for Sight' Music Series, from the student volunteers and musicians, to the organisers, sponsors and audience.

We are blown away.

* We think of the funds you raised this year, from the imaginative henna fund-raising party to the children who gave up their birthday presents and Chinese New Year red packets to donate to New Sight.

We are humbled.

* We think of the support you raised, from introducing us to your contacts, to inviting us to speak at events and functions that you created.

We are honoured.

* We think of your help, from newsletters and posters, to planning and burning the midnight oil after attending to your families and work to give of yourselves.

We are amazed.

* We think of the schools, churches and warriors who hold us up in prayer.

We are empowered.

* We think of what we will do together in 2015 to bring sight and hope.

We are excited!



We are thrilled to have taken on three trainees fresh from our hospital's nursing school. They are progressing well, and have successfully completed three of their six months' internship with us.



We are encouraged by the incredible progress that our nurse Ghislain has made. He has been with us from day one. He is capable, smart and above all, he has a great caring heart. He has learnt many skills, and has even started administering anaesthetics as well as performing simple surgical procedures! We are very proud of him! He is a true gift!

We are also thankful for our supportive staff such as our guards and maintenance staff. Here one of our maintenance staff is defending our building from our enemies – the termites!

And last but not least, we are thankful for the friendship with our staff!



(above) Practice drill at our Ebola tent

Ebola hit the Democratic Republic of Congo in the neighbouring region across the river from us in August. We were sprung into a fury of action to prepare our hospital, community and family should Ebola come closer. Because where we live is so remote, the challenges were immense. We thank Samaritan's Purse for the gift of protective gear. It cleared the port in record time to allow us to set up an Ebola tent and training for our staff. **For 3 stressful months, we lived with a small bag packed, ready to literally evacuate any minute and risk losing everything that we owned and worked hard for.** We are thankful that the outbreak was contained, for your prayers, and for the life lessons learnt during this challenging time.

We are thankful for the
JOY that our patients
and their families bring.



Our eye centre is busier than ever. Last month, we saw over 200 patients and screened nearly 100 patients for free.



* Maman Madeleine on the morning after her cataract operation

* After the eye pad was removed, she smiled from the heart as she realised that she could see again.

* Her husband smiled too as she read out the alphabets from the visual acuity chart correctly.

* Oh, the joy of sight restored!
Oh, the hope of lives transformed!
Laughing as they thanked us, and as they talked about and looked forward to the days ahead



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Before

After

Our **Priceless Gift Store** is a simple online alternative gift store, where instead of chocolates and CDs, you purchase gifts for our eye charity to give to real people in Congo. These gifts are always wanted, needed, and make a real difference in people's lives. You can give in any currency, and in return you will receive a gift certificate via email that you can pass onto your loved ones. It explains that you have purchased this gift to our charity in their honour. Here are some examples:

	£10 / HK\$125	Vitamin A to protect 25 kids from blindness, measles, even death
	£16 / HK\$200	Eye tests and glasses for 4 people
	£50 / HK\$625	1 adult Cataract operation
	£80 / HK\$1000	1 child Cataract operation
	£100 / HK\$1250	Training and Salary for Nurses



PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. For the Samoutou children. We are still looking for a full-time teacher for them. All expenses paid. www.newsightcongo.com/teacher
2. For energy, wisdom and more help as our workload increases, and as our project develops
3. For our trainees and staff to learn well and love well