

# GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT

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*A child pumps water from a hand pump at a new water point.*

**Preventable blindness** is a serious global health issue, affecting more than 325 million people worldwide. The vast majority of those affected live in low income countries like Zambia, where poverty prevents access to basic care and treatment.

**Operation Eyesight Universal** is an international development organization based in Calgary dedicated to eliminating avoidable blindness.

Since 1963, Operation Eyesight has brought sight-saving treatment to more than 35 million people. Its work focuses on India and the African countries of Zambia, Kenya, Rwanda and Ghana – places where blindness can be deadly, especially to those who are very young, old or poor.



*For All The World To See*

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Canada has high standards of sanitation – something we often take for granted because we have easy access to clean water, one of the most precious resources in the world.

Yet in developing countries, nearly 80 percent of illnesses are linked to contaminated water and poor sanitation. When you don't have enough water to drink, are you going to use it to wash your hands and face? **Unlikely!**

Extreme poverty and lack of sanitation can result in blinding trachoma, a painful and infectious disease transmitted by flies in dirty environments.

Trachoma is the world's leading cause of preventable blindness. It has largely disappeared in developed countries, but still plagues many African countries such as Zambia, where it causes millions of people immense pain, disability, and often permanent loss of sight.

Despite its abundant water reserves, Zambia has **inadequate safe water points** and **few facilities to utilize water for irrigation development**. You can help bring clean, protected water to Zambia to prevent this disease.

Your generous donation will go directly to the building of a well or water point in Zambia. For as little as \$5,000, you can drill and equip one well / water point, or you can invest in the vital outreach and education for communities that teach the importance of healthy behaviors, clean water and sanitation, and ensure the water points long-term sustainability. Contributions of any amount towards these goals are welcome!

In recognition of your contribution of \$5,000+, your name will be inscribed on a plaque at the water point site. All contributors will receive a tax receipt and a letter of recognition for your office.

**Please contribute to the MCA Canada's Charity:  
Operation Eyesight Universal's Zambia Water Points  
Project.**

*For more information, contact us today!*

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