



Photos from The Gambia Eye Camp in Banjul, February 16–21, 2020.

Dear Vision Care supporters,

I hope this email finds you well. This is Dong Hae Kim, Board Chair and President of Vision Care.

The world is going through historically the hardest time from the unprecedented spread of the COVID-19. And I sincerely thank you for your continuous prayers of love and support for the Vision Care missions during this difficult time.

It is a very regrettable situation when I think of those patients and families who are long waiting for our help and those missionaries whom we serve together with in the local fields. As our main operational focus is global medical missions work and since international travels are restricted, we have had to cancel or postpone our global schedule during the months of March, April and most of May. Not only are the Eye Camps in China cancelled, but our Eye Camps in Sri Lanka, Morocco, Vietnam, Myanmar, Ethiopia and Tanzania have also been affected. The Gambia Eye Camp at the end of February was our last Eye Camp to date this year.

At this point, it is difficult to know what will happen for the Guatemala Eye Camp and the Mongolia Eye Camp which is scheduled respectively for the end of May and beginning of June. Despite all this, we are faithfully preparing the 2nd half of our 2020 Eye Camp schedule and local activities (school eye examination programs, eye health clinic activities, mobile examinations, out-patient exams and surgeries in cooperation with local hospitals, and medical staff education, etc.) centered around our local branches.

Vision Care is currently carrying out our long term business plan centered around 9 local branches as we work in 39 countries and hold 30 Vision Eye Camps annually on average with short term medical missions teams – treating tens of thousands of patients and restoring the sight of thousands through surgeries around the world. And all this is possible because of the sacrifices and prayers of all the volunteers and the continuous financial support from our donors. However, regrettably the government support for our long term business plan has ended in the end of last year, and many of the corporate sponsorships from companies that have supported us through corporate social responsibilities have stopped due to their internal reasons. In addition, after the COVID-19 outbreak in the beginning of this year, many large sponsors and individuals supporters have also decided to cease their support.

However, we cannot give up on our God-given mission to create a brighter world where all our neighbors can see together. Because of the financial difficulties from the beginning of this year, we are in great need of financial support for our on-going long term work centered around the local branches and basic operation of Vision Care. I am sorry to ask you at this difficult time of the COVID-19 outbreak, but I am writing this long letter to seek your special financial support for Vision Care's international blindness relief activities. I believe your sharing would become the miraculous seed to welcome a brighter world where we can all see together. With the heart of sowers, please be a Vision Care supporter. If you are already a regular donor, I kindly ask you to increase your giving and to also share Vision Care's dream and vision with your friends and neighbors.

One sight-restoring surgery costs \$150. We ask for a special donation so that Vision Care can continue its mission to restore sight and to prevent blindness around the world. And we encourage you to also participate together with your family and friends to give with even more special meaning.

How to participate in the US:

- Please go to our homepage – www.visioncareusa.org – and make an on-line donation,
- You can also send a check, made payable to Vision Care USA, to the following address:

Vision Care USA,
P.O. 237162
New York, NY 10023

We at Vision Care will move forward without losing sincerity or forgetting those direly in need, and with sincere gratitude for your support.

Thank you very much for reading the long letter and sharing your heart.

Sincerely,

Dong Hae Kim

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